(ख) यदि हां, तो द्विभाषी कम्प्यूटरों की उपलब्धता के बावजूद सरकारी कार्य में अंग्रेजी का इस्तेमाल किए जाने के क्या कारण है?

गृह मंत्री (श्री इन्द्रजीत गुप्त): (क) सरकारी कार्यालयों में कम्प्यूटरों पर द्विभाषी सुविधाएं उपलब्ध करवाना अनिवार्य है।

(ख) जिस्ट और अन्य द्विभाषी कम्प्यूटर सॉफ्टवेयरों की उपलब्धता, विशेषकर शब्द संसाधन कार्य के लिए धीरे-धीरे बढ़ रही है। तदनुसार राजभाषा में कार्यालयी कार्य के लिए कम्प्यूटरों का प्रयोग भी बढ़ रहा है।

Improving the fabric production quality and restructuring Technology for Garments

*449: SHRI JANARDAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the overall growth in textile exports during 1994-95 to 1996-97 especially in cotton yarn, woollen and silk sectors; and

(b) the action proposed to improve quality in fabric production and restructuring technology especially for garments sector?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA):

(a) The overall growth in textile exports and the growth in the cotton yarn, woollen and silk sectors during 1994-95 to 1996-97 have been as follows:

Value in Million U.S. dollars/Provisional

Sector	Achievement & percentage growth over the previous year					
	1994-95		1995-96		1996-97	
	Achievement	% growth	Achievement	% growth	Achievement	% growth
Textiles and Clothing (including Handicrafts, Jute and Coir) of which	9980.15	25.2	10685.07	7.1	11839.13	10.8
(i) Cotton Yarn	832.34	62.3	1011.54	21.5	1501.50	48.4
(ii) Wool & Woollens	171.20	−11.3	198.73	16.1	296.22	49.0
(iii) Silk	298.52	18.6	253.58	−15.1	248.06	−2.2

(b) The following measures are being taken to improve the quality of fabrics and for technological upgradation of the garment sector:

(i) The customs duty on certain weaving, processing and garment manufacturing machinery items had been reduced from 25% to 10% in 1996-97 and in the present budget for 1997-98, the customs duty on some more processing machinery items is proposed to be reduced to 10%. This would help the industry to inter alia produce high quality fabrics. Further in the present budget, it has also been proposed to reduce customs duty from 40% to 30% on dyes pigments, paints and varnishes, glues, enzymes and modified starches, which are expected to significantly benefit the textile industry.

(ii) Institutions like the National Institute of Fashion Technology and

the Apparel Training and Design Centres have been established to make available skilled manpower at managerial and shopfloor levels.

(iii) The pragmatic Cotton Yarn Export Policy followed over the years has resulted in qualitative upgradation in the spinning sector and healthy growth in cotton yarn exports.

(iv) The Textiles Committee, the Textiles Research Associations and the concerned Textiles Export Promotion Councils are taking steps to create quality consciousness among the textile exporters.

Developoment of National Highways in Madhya Pradesh With Foreign Aid

*450. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration to develop and improve National Highways in Madhya Pradesh with foreign financial aid or otherwise;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds released by Government for improving and developing National Highways in the State during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) World Bank is financing the construction of 31.4 Km long Indore Bypass and 18 Kms. four laning and strengthening of Indore-Devas section of NH 3 at a cost of Rs. 291.31 crore. During the year 1997-98, works totalling to Rs. 50 crores have been proposed for sanction through budgetary support.

(c) Year-wise allotment of funds to the State of Madhya Pradesh in respect of original works is as under:—

Year	NH Original Works-Allotment (Rs. in crores)
1994-95	15.35
1995-96	20.20
1996-97	10.20

Attack on Railway Personnel by Army Personnel

*451. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of increasing menace of Army personnel at Belgaum in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take to prevent recurrence of such incident;

(c) whether it is also a fact that senior Army personnel were involved in a physical attack on police and railway personnel; and

(d) the action taken against the persons involved?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (d) Government are aware of an incident of assault and affray reported at Belgaum in Karnataka on the night of 15-16 March, 1997 in which some persons belonging to the police, the Railways and the Army were involved. An Inquiry has been ordered, which will bring to light the full facts, and the action needed.

Financial Assistance For Dakeswari Cotton Mills

*452. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dakeswari Cotton Mills Limited, Calcutta had requested for a financial arrangement with the help of the Government of India from IDBI;